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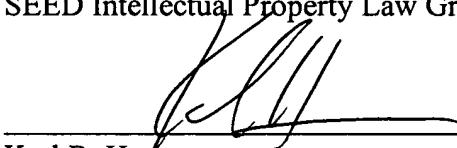
Reconsideration of this application in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

By Office Action dated December 19, 2005, the Examiner has indicated that claims 1-6 and 10-22 are in condition for allowance. In order to expedite issuance of the allowed claims, Applicant has cancelled claims 7-9 and 23-26. Of course, Applicant reserves the right to pursue the cancelled subject matter in one or more related applications.

Accordingly, allowance of claims 1-6 and 10-22 is respectfully requested. A good faith effort has been made to place this application in condition for allowance. However, should any further issue require attention prior to allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (206) 622-4900 to resolve the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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